



## 'Road Runs Group'

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**Moffat to Selkirk Run**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021.**

7.15am on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> and I arrived in my yard at the Abbey Motorcycles workshop to see Derek Milligan's Honda Transalp already parked up and Derek greeting me as I arrived. Obviously keen to help we set out the table, water boiler and all the paraphernalia necessary to welcome our riders. The rain had stopped as the bikers started arriving, Derek Porter came to help and took the donations and booking forms from the riders while I went and filled the bike with petrol. We had 12 riders check in for the run in Dumfries plus another 3 in Moffat and 2 more in Selkirk making 17 in total, not bad for a wet Autumn morning.



Derek Milligan      John McMeeken      Stewart Gray      Jim Hunter  
Andrew Wilson      Steven Kerr      Ian Nichol      Neil Martinyuk  
Phil Kirby      John McMeeken      Gordon McClelland and Crispin Bardsley.

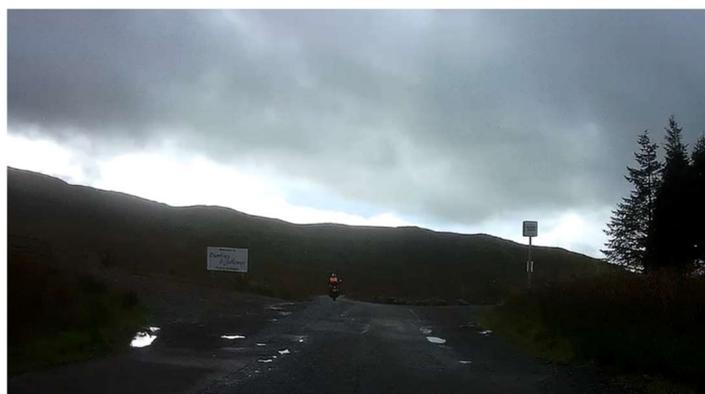
We were joined in Moffat by:

William Mc William      John Fergusson      Wullie Brown      Shirley Spain

The group set off for St Mary's Loch, the weather was dry but the roads were still wet from rain earlier in the morning. The Selkirk Road is always good to ride no matter what the weather, conditions were good and it didn't take too long once through the traffic lights at the woods passing houses and a farm, over the cattle grid and into the Borders Region, looking out for all the sheep that were often near or even on the road. We arrived at the St Mary's Loch Café for a quick comfort break, mounted up again and were off quick smart as we were meeting Kenny Syme and his wife from the Galashiels branch of the British Legion who we had arranged to meet at the empty (closed down) Suzuki garage.



We arrived there just after 11 O'clock, parked up and went to greet them, they had only just arrived too. Kenny told us that the best way to get ourselves onto the Eskdalemuir road was to go into the town centre and take a sharp right, and turn left onto the B7009 thereby avoiding a nasty right turn on a hill with a steep camber. Once we were out of Selkirk the road was really nice opening up into the country with picturesque views and some good biking road for us to enjoy until we went past the large Dumfries & Galloway sign where the road surface deteriorated and we were dodging the potholes once again.





We rode through a couple of little villages and past the Samye Ling Tibetan Buddhist monastery with all its colourful flags flying and getting brief glimpse of the golden temple as we rode by.



We rode on to Boreland, Stewart had overtaken me several miles earlier as I was unsure of the maze of little back roads between Boreland and Moffat, I needn't have worried as it was all very straight forward.

Stewart getting a soaking riding through the flood.

I was next, my boots were still wet when I got home.



We arrived in Moffat and were able to eat our packed lunches in glorious sunshine.



Kenny and his good lady (who is selling her 'sparkly' Yamaha Fazer) were staying in Moffat for a coffee and a bite to eat.





We mounted up again, this time heading up the Beeftub, Greenhill Stairs, up to Elvinfoot and the Dalveen pass and skirting Thornhill rode over the Clone to the AMD memorial garden to complete our road runs full circle.







This is a good opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work this summer making the Poppy Runs a success, especially Stewart Gray whose idea it was in the first place and to all the riders for their generosity helping us to raise in excess of £1,921 'In Support of Poppy Scotland'. To date, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, the just giving page shows £3,203 with still more money to be counted and banked on Wednesday and there will be the gift aid content to add as well. Unfortunately, our chairman Fraser Dykes couldn't be with us but we came to Wallaceton anyway to show respect and to thank him for all he does for the Galloway Motorcycle Club.

The day's milage was 157.6

Our cheque presentation will be on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> at Edinburgh Castle at the drawbridge on the Esplanade, unfortunately the castle will only allow 3 bikes for the photo but are allowed to have riders and supporters with us for the occasion and we are fortunate to have Dave Bell, Brian Dickie, Shirley Spain and Grant Trail from the veterans Garden coming with us.

